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MEMORANDUM FOR: Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Monthly Report on Overhead Imagery Reconnaissance

1. Attached is the December 1975 report on overhead imagery reconnaissance. This will be the final monthly report published by ICRS, since a recently completed study indicates that this report is of very marginal value to the intelligence community.

2. Status of activity and coverage obtained during the month are reported in the following sections:

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STATUS OF INTELLIGENCE SEARCH/SURVEILLANCE

1. The current status of coverage against the USIB standing periodic intelligence search/surveillance requirements is given in the following four tables, reported in terms of clear, usable panoramic photography acquired on the USSR, Eastern Europe, China, Mongolia, North Korea, North Vietnam, and the Middle East. Coverage is expressed in millions of square nautical miles and as a percentage of the total areas designated for search in each of the listed regions.

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A graphic presentation of the status of coverage as of 31 December 1975 is given on Map 1.

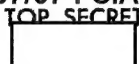
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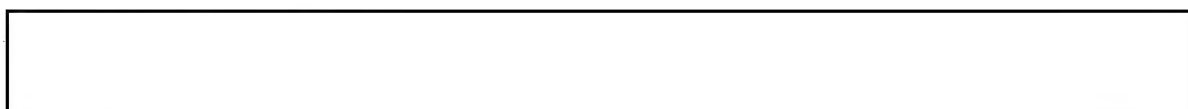
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Area Search Coverage

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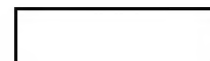
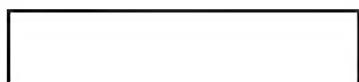


a. Figures under the "Gross" column indicate the total amount of redundant 90 - 100 percent cloud-free coverage for that mission segment only.

b. Figures under the "Unique" column indicate one-time 90 - 100 percent cloud-free coverage for that mission segment only.

c. Figures under the "Accum" (accumulated) column indicate the accumulated unique 90 - 100 percent cloud-free coverage for the entire period.

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AIRBORNE IMAGERY RECONNAISSANCE

1. Airborne imagery reconnaissance missions flown during December 25X1A
are summarized in the following chart. The seven [] flights 25X1A
flown in December are not shown on the chart. There were no []
missions flown during December.

Date	GIANT SCALE SR-71 ^a	[]	[]	25X1
December				
2		[]		25X1
5	Korea			
9	Korea			
11		[]	Korea	25X1
12	Korea			
13			Korea	
14		[]	Korea	25X1
15			Korea	
16	Korea			
18	Korea			
19	Korea			
22	Korea			
23		[]	Korea	25X1
24			Korea	
28			Korea	
30	Korea			

^aSR-71 missions flown in the North Korean DMZ (primarily for [] 25X1A
collection) operate under the project heading GIANT SCALE, while [] 25X1A
[] missions operate over Cuba.

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Provides long-range oblique photography of targets beyond the DMZ.

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CUBA

1. During the four-month period ending 31 December 1975, overhead reconnaissance coverage of Cuba was provided by [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] 25X1A

3. Aircraft. There were eight [redacted] (SR-71) missions flown over Cuba during December 1975. Complete coverage was acquired on 25X1A
25 COMIREX targets with NIIRS 3 or better.

25X1A 4. The two [redacted] (SR-71) missions, flown in September through December, achieved the only coverage on approximately 14,551 square nautical miles (38.9 percent) of the country, thereby failing to satisfy the USIB requirement that 80 percent of Cuba be covered by [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] during any four-month period.

5. Map 2 depicts 17,432 square nautical miles (46.6 percent of the country) coverage achieved during the four-month period ending 31 December 1975.

6. The distribution - by target categories - for the [redacted] COMIREX targets in Cuba is given below, together with coverage acquired during the four-month period ending 31 December 1975. Map 3 depicts this target distribution. 25X1A

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CUBA (Cont)

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Target Category	Total Targets	Total Target Looks	Unique Targets Completely Imaged
Missiles			
Airfields			
Port Facilities			
Radar/Electronic Facilities			
Military			
Urban/Industrial			
Total			

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INDOCHINA

(North Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, South Vietnam)

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1. Airborne Reconnaissance. During December no GIANT SCALE (SR-71) missions were flown against Communist targets in Cambodia, Laos, and North and South Vietnam.



3. Coverage Achieved. During December 1975 COMIREX targets were covered by imagery at NIIRS 3 or better.

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NORTH KOREA

Activity and Coverage

1. Satellite imagery reconnaissance coverage on North Korea during December was provided by [redacted] The [redacted]

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2. During the month some photographic coverage of the southern portions of the country adjacent to the DMZ was acquired by eight GIANT SCALE peripheral missions flown primarily [redacted] In addition, long-range oblique photography on the DMZ area was provided by seven [redacted] missions.

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3. Airborne Reconnaissance. The GIANT SCALE missions successfully photographed 40 individual COMIREX targets. The seven [redacted] missions provided successful photographic coverage for four COMIREX targets.

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4. [redacted] Complete coverage was obtained on [redacted] of the [redacted] COMIREX targets during the month.

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5. Area Coverage. The status of area coverage achieved against the USIB standing North Korea requirements is shown below and on Map 5.

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